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DEVICE, AND A MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE"

**SUPPLEMENT TO AMENDMENT "B" FILED ON MAY 19, 2006**

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Applicant filed an Amendment "B" on May 19, 2006 in response to the Office Action of February 21, 2006.

In the Amendment "B," Applicant noted that the present application was filed in the U.S. on March 9, 2004, and claims foreign priority to Japanese application 2003-066081 filed March 12, 2003. Therefore, Applicants' present application has an effective filing date of at least as early as March 12, 2003 based on Japanese application 2003-066081. A certified copy of Applicants' Japanese priority application is of record in the file for the present application. Applicants submit herewith a certified translation of Japanese priority application 2003-066081.

As stated in the Amendment "B," Applicants' present application has an effective filing date of at least as early as March 12, 2003 based on Japanese application 2003-066081. This is prior to *Tuttle's* filing date of September 5, 2003. Accordingly, *Tuttle* cannot be used as a 35 U.S.C. §102 reference to anticipate Applicants' claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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